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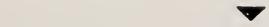
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Miss Anna M. Parakilas

A kind heart is a fountain of gladness, making
everything in its vicinity freshen into smiles.

—Irving

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Class Song

"HAIL, HIGGINS JUNIOR HIGH"

(Adapted from "Hail, Pennsylvania")

Hail, Higgins Junior High! Steadfast
and strong;
To thee with loyal hearts we sing this
song,
Swelling to heaven high, our many
praises ring;
Hail, Higgins Junior High, to thee we
sing.

Hail, Higgins Junior High! Guide of
our youth;
Lead thou thy children on to light and
truth;
Ne'er can thy spirit die, nor thy walls
decay,
Hail, Higgins Junior High, for thee we
pray.

Class Poem

Now is the time to say farewell,
To the dear school we love so well;
It was here we learned to read and write,
And to do our homework every night.

Our principal and teachers were thought-
ful, indeed,
Ready to help when we were in need;
Together we worked in study and play,
And already it's here — "Graduation
Day."

At Higgins we've made many a friend,
Now our eighth year has come to an end.
This is our last and fond good-bye,
To the school we'll remember, Higgins
Junior High.

—KATHLEEN LEGIENZA

To the Class of 1957:

For the past several years it has been my privilege to address a few pertinent remarks to the members of the graduating class. This role makes it possible for me, acting as a representative of the faculty, to be among the first to extend to you, our heartiest best wishes for your continued success.

The class of 1957, in a fitting tribute to the observance of Flag Day, has ably chosen for its graduation exercises the general theme, "To Thee We Sing", and the equally impressive Class Motto, "Long May It Wave".

From its earliest beginnings, our flag has been a symbol of freedom to the oppressed throughout the world. It is the banner of a proud and gallant peoples dedicated to the principles of freedom, justice and equality, not for ourselves alone but for all who bear the heavy yoke of oppression even in the most remote areas known to man.

Our country at this moment is a recognized leader in the family of nations. Time and events have placed us in a position of grave responsibilities to our present and future generations. There are in this world today forces bent on the enslavement of all liberty loving peoples. Freedom in our land will continue to flourish as long as Americans can raise their hands in salute to our flag and proclaim to all the world "Long May it Wave".

Cordially yours,

ERNEST K. WHITE,

Principal

Class History

HERE we are — the graduating class of 1957. Gee! How time has flown!

Remember those first few days of junior high. Alert, but confused, we waited expectantly wondering what to do. We were assigned to our respective divisions and spent the first few days getting acquainted with new books, schedules, classmates and teachers. And brother! Remember those in-between-period "traffic jams"? Thank goodness there was always a faculty member to come to our rescue.

Our first task, after getting settled, was to elect class officers for Student Council, the lawmaking body of junior high. Our representatives were: Caroline Cogtella, Kathleen Di Maso, and Dorothy Porcello of 7¹; Michael Pacholski, Alfred Harnois, and Kathleen Vail of 7²; James Zirolli, Judith Child, and Patricia Massaro of 7³; and Paul Bonanno, Leo Fede, and Nancy Gannuscio of 7⁴.

Next, on the schedule, came the magazine drive. With much school spirit, we plunged right into the job of selling subscriptions. The seventh and eighth grades were divided into two teams: the Blue and the Red, respectively. We did work very hard, but failed to reach our goal. Our highest salesman was Kathleen Di Maso.

Around the middle of October, school clubs were organized. Mrs. O'Neil took charge of the Glee Club and Orchestra and worked vigorously to make our "ever-changing" voices harmonize. Mr. White helped to organize the Junior Hi-Y, which proved very successful with Angelo Lamagna, Katherine Kineas, Kathleen Carroll, and Judith Diegoli as officers. Many speakers came to the meetings to acquaint us with such topics as "Police Work", "Juvenile Delinquency", and other related subjects.

Then National Education Week arrived. Mr. White had appointed guides and registrars to welcome our parents. The week passed with much success.

Along came the annual judging of the Tuberculosis essays. The first prize was won by Joan Buonconti of 7¹. Joan Mahelsky of 8⁵ received second prize.

Finally, after long hard days of school-work came the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Fahey's class, 7⁴, presented an interesting Christmas assembly in pantomime commemorating the Birth of Christ.

After the holidays were behind us, we again settled down to school curriculum.

Soon, time came for a new Student Council. Those elected from the seventh grade were: Ronald Bennett, Kathleen Di Maso, and Kathleen Legienza of 7¹; Susan Lewis, Lucille Sika, and Nancy Bessette of 7²; James Zych, Edward Waskiel, and Barbara Cimino of 7³; and Francis Walenta, Grace Di Rosa, and Seraphina Verdina of 7⁴.

Higgins' Basketball team came out on top with an undefeated season. Players like Alphonso Nosal, Ronald Bennett, and Robert Chillson received varsity letters.

In our English classes we were assigned to write Americanism Essays which were to be entered in a state contest by the American Legion.

Under the direction of Mario Dei Delori, Higgins Baseball team was organized. The team came through with flying colors and took the championship. The seventh grade players were: Robert Chillson, Donald Gippo, Edward Waskiel, Richard Matulewicz, and Paul Pochron.

The spring months came upon us and with them came the traditional May Exhibit. We were called upon to produce the projects we had worked on during the year. Some of the projects on display were related to such subjects as science, music, geography, hygiene and literature.

June passed rapidly as the eighth graders prepared for their graduation, and we, as "lowly seventh graders", looked forward to our summer vacation and to the coming September.

PART II

Although our glorious vacation had come to an end, we were, somehow, glad to get back into the swing of things at school. The thrill of being eighth graders overtook us and filled us with a queer sensation. We were then the "senior" class!

The first thing on the schedule was choosing room officers. Our leaders were: Dennis Bielitz, Richard Typrovic, and Joseph Ravosa of 8⁵L; Susan Lewis, Lucille Sika, and Nancy Bessette of 8⁵; Carmen Catania, Paul Bonanno, and Rose Ann Porcello of 8⁶; Alphonso Nosal, Joan Kurley, and Donald Grippo of 8⁷; Leonard Montano, Leon Janik, and Jean Mancuso of 8⁸.

The school clubs were organized at the beginning of the year. Unfortunately, the Junior Hi-Y was disbanded this year because of a busy schedule. The Glee Club and Orchestra were again

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organized, this year under the supervision of Mr. Bradley.

The annual magazine drive was off with a "bang" under the supervision of Miss Shea and Mrs. Bennett. The highest salesman was Judith Child. As a reward for their hard work during the drive, four members of the "Thirty Dollar Club", Charles Hopson, Edward Waskiel, Virginia Evans, captain of the winning team, Robert Nowak; and Mrs. Bennett attended a Boston Red Sox Game at Fenway Park.

Along came National Education Week. The guides and registrars were chosen and fulfilled their jobs quite well. Many parents came and observed teachers and pupils in action.

Under the training of Ralph Cerrato, our basketball team was organized. The eighth grade participants were: David Mongon, Mathew Blaszko, Alphonso Nosal, Stephen Gregorski, Donald Grippo, Ronald Bennett, James Carzello, Raymond Fiore, Paul Pochron, Charles Maggio, Leon Janik, Richard Matulewicz, Francis Walenta and Thomas Murphy.

As in previous years, the Tuberculosis essays were judged at this time. Carol Pacholski and Carolyn Parlin, both of 8⁷, received first and second prizes.

Along came the long-awaited Christmas holidays. At our annual class parties, we exchanged greetings and gifts, then left for a carefree but short vacation.

Upon our return, we elected a new Student Council. Members from the eighth grade were: Marion Lange, Fred Gavey, and Kenneth Chaine of 8^{5L}; Wallace Bennett, James Daly, and Neil Tammaro of 8⁵; James Lyko, Harvey Gemme, and Nancy Gannuscio of 8⁶; Richard Matulewicz, Marilyn Sperrazza, and Carol Pacholski of 8⁷; and Russell Bellico, Thomas Murphy, and Patricia Massaro of 8⁸.

In addition to electing division officers, we, as "seniors", elected officers for the entire eighth grade. Those chosen were: President—John Devine, Vice-president—James Zirolli, and Secretary—Jo-Ann Romano. The main duty of the class officers was to co-ordinate the graduation activities.

With our leaders chosen, we started preparations for graduation. The Tatler staff was announced with Barbara Jones and Richard Matulewicz as Editor-in-chief and Assistant-editor. Literary Editors were: Carol McFall, Joan Buoniconti, and Carolyn Parlin; Sports Editor, Ernest Harrington; Business Managers, Mary Ann Maciolek and William Zeronsa; the faculty advisors were Miss Delaney and Mrs. Bennett.

Welcome, Mr. Homicki

DEAR MR. HOMICKI:

We, the graduating class of "57", heartily welcome you as assistant superintendent of the Enfield school system. Your position has been the first of its kind in Enfield.

We are happy that an educator of your character and ability has been appointed to assist in guiding and educating the youth of our community.

May you be happy and successful in your work in Enfield.

Respectfully yours,

GRADUATES OF 1957

Several instructors from Enfield High School came to introduce us to their courses and what the school has to offer. Some of the subjects on which they spoke were: agriculture, English, Latin, home economics, history, general business, and woodworking. Mr. Carter from Hartford Regional Technical High School also came, speaking on secondary education.

As in the past, graduation committees were organized. These were: the color, flower and theme committees. The class was called upon to vote on what they would like as their class emblems. Our class colors were blue and white; class flower, American Beauty Rose; and class theme, "Long May it Wave".

The American Legion again sponsored a state-wide essay contest. This year, the essays were entitled, "What is a Democracy?"

Surprise! Coming into school one day we found achievement tests awaiting us. These tests were for the purpose of measuring our ability and acted as a review of all the school work we had had up until that time.

Warmer days meant baseball. Ralph Cerrato took on the job of coaching our boys in this sport. The eighth grade players were: James Wile, Michael Okraska, Donald Grippo, Edward Waskiel, Paul Pochron, Leon Janik, Stephen Gregorski, Richard Matulewicz, John Messemer, Richard Fecteau, Barry McNelly, and Ernest Harrington.

Miss Delaney's class, 8⁶, sponsored an excellent assembly. Lieutenant Diffendal,

Class Prophecy

Hi FOLKS:

This is *Claire Polek*, your roving reporter, for the New York Times, and my assistant and former classmate from A. D. Higgins School, *Kathleen Legienza*, now head photographer for the paper. We are here to collect material for our column, "What's Doing?", and are broadcasting over station N.E.W.S. at the same time.

This is a very exciting moment at the New York Harbor, for the great Metropolitan Opera star, *Kathleen DiMaso*, is soon to arrive from her world tour on the U.S.S. Higgins "57", constructed by the noted firm of *Paul Bonanno* and Company and designed by *Matthew Blaszko*. By the way, Matthew is married to the former *Elaine Jemiola*, Miss America of 1968. Throughout the ship are beautiful paintings by *Mary Ann Arnone*.

Here to meet the Prima Donna are many former friends and classmates. Among these are the famous movie actresses, *Susanne Beyer* and *Jo-Ann Lamagna*; the new singing quartet, "The Four Squares", consisting of *Alphonso Nosal*, *James Zych*, *William Ball* and *Richard Tyrowicz*; and the girls' softball team of Thompsonville, Conn. of which *Gail Lees* is manager and *Dorothy Porcello*, *Diane Molyn*, *Bertha Prajnar* and *Nancy Reynolds* are players. Oh! No! Are my eyes failing me? No, it's true! *Thomas Ragno* is their water boy!

While we are waiting for the boat to dock, I'll switch over to my partner,

an army officer involved in Nike operations and two of his assistants, presented a fascinating film on guided missiles and answered our many enthusiastic questions after the film.

During the year we were again called upon to construct projects which were displayed at the May Exhibit. The Exhibit was a great success.

The students who made the honor role were announced by Mr. White just before spring vacation. The two highest were: Valedictorian, John Devine and Salutatorian, *Kathleen Di Maso*.

One of the last activities on the program was class day. Seventh and eighth grade students were present to hear our prepared speeches. Exercises included the Class History, Prophecy, Will, Statistics and the awarding of varsity letters.

Kathleen Legienza, who has been busy snapping pictures of different personalities around the pier.

O.K. *Claire!* I just had the pleasure of meeting our old classmate, *Robert Cuscovitch*, and his wife, the former *Jacqueline Santoro*. He is now a great cattle rancher in Texas. The forelady on his ranch is "Wild West Debbie Coolen" who does a good job of bossing the cowboys, among whom are *James Wile* and *James Blown*.

I was talking to Enfield's new Chief of Police, *Wallace Bennett*, and his bride, the former *Marion Lange*. He is using helicopters for crime detecting. He has them in the sky at all times.

Ah, here comes that new sprinkler system on wheels, with *Joseph Wojcik* as driver and *Michael Ryan* as gadget controller.

Look who's Here! Why, it's *Carl Piemonte*, Mayor of New York. I hear he is going to present the "Key of the City" to the new Olympic Champion Discus thrower, *Dennis Bielitz*. Hurrah, for Dennis!

The tugboats are pulling the large ocean liner into its place. *Gerry Luke* is at the helm of the "Debbie I" and *Leon Janik* is pilot of the "Andrea". I can just about distinguish the Captain of the Vessel — Oh Yes! It's *David Mongon*. Behind him, *Leonard Montano*, the radio operator, is standing. On a lower deck is the chief cook, *Edward Ingraham*, surrounded by two dining room stewards, *Edgar Baskerville* and

Finally, our class social! The picnic! Bright and early, buses arrived to take us to Mountain Park. We sang and shouted excitedly all the way. The roller coaster and whip provided the most thrills! We had a great time; but didn't like the thought of leaving Mount Tom.

After eight years of hard work our big day finally came . . . Graduation! Decked out in our best clothes, we proudly received our diplomas, which marked the end of our elementary education and the beginning of our high school days.

Class Historians:

CAROL MC FALL

MARY ANN MACOLEK

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Richard Fecteau. The deck hands are very busy trying to steady the boat. *Chester Lempitsky* is throwing a rope from the ship to *Barry McNelly* on the docks. *Thomas Arrowsmith*, *John Messemer* and *Thomas Murphy* are rushing around in preparation for custom inspection. And there is F.B.I. Agent, *Charles Maggio*, looking for some jewel thieves again, I suppose.

The gang plank is down at last and the passengers have started to disembark. The first off the boat is *Dr. Barbara J. Jones*, the famous surgeon, who performed an outstanding liver operation on "Princess Tippitittimouse", the former *Joan Buoniconti*, now of Lower Glamourania. With Dr. Jones is *Joan Kurley*, the outstanding nurse of the year!

Down the ramp come Monsieur *Carmen Catania* and his wife, *Marilyn Sperrazza*, French hair stylists. They mentioned that they had attended the world wrestling matches in Sweden, where *Jean Mancuso* took the championship away from *Barbara "Slim" Cimino* who is now brokenhearted. Poor *James Lyko*, the referee, was left bald after the hair pulling results.

Madame Caroline Cogtella, the famous Paris dress designer, and her best seamstress, *Rosalie Colca*, are here to plan the trousseau for *Faith Mallinson*, who will soon marry *Richard Bragg*, Junior Senator from Connecticut.

What's that? It was dropped by that deck hand! Oh, a program of the Russian Ballet. Well, what do you know? *Carolyn "Twinkletoes" Leone* is leading ballerina in the new Ballet, "Frog Pond", which was written by *Carlo Carlone*.

The leading male dancer is *Fred "Lightfoot" Garey*. Others in the cast are: *Karen Gates*, *Shirley Ellis*, *Gerald Giles* and *Charles "Sideburns" Hopson*.

Some important person must be approaching from the noise of the crowd. No wonder! It is none other than *John Devine*, President of the United States, rushing to confer with Secretary of State *James Zirolli*, who is just returning from Timbucto. He will leave immediately to visit *Ronald Freeman*, the Ambassador to Spain, who is now vacationing at *Francis Walenta's* Fishing Lodge in the Rockies.

Here comes *Kathleen DiMaso* now. She is followed by her business manager, *Carol McFall*; assistant business manager, *Patricia Tough*; and private secretary, *Marion Lamana*. As they leave the ship the band plays, "Dig Me Daddy-O," a new song written by *Thomas Gates*. Among the members of *Stan Kupiec's* Band we recognize *Joseph Ravosa* and *Donald Grippo*, the silver note trumpeters; *Richard Krusinski*, the cool clarinetist; and *Neil Tammero* the dreamy drummer.

And now, back to *Claire*!

Hi Again! There is *Paul Hayes* with his pet monkey. How he has changed! He is now in charge of the Bronx Zoo and tells us that many of our friends are working there. *Patricia Targonski* is dietician for the animals; *Albert Ouellette* waters the elephants; and *William Zeronsa* is official fly-catcher of the zoo. He has a new intricate machine which catches flies by the dozens.

I have just learned from *John Thibodeau*, dock policeman, that *Susan Lewis*,



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judo expert, is now a guard for the British Crown Jewels in London.

Dolena Besse and *Bonnie Garrow* are married to American diplomats and are now living in Athens, Greece.

Patricia Massaro, or I should say *Lieutenant Massaro* of the United States Waves, is stationed in Hawaii.

Kathleen DiMaso just told me she had a ride in *Thomas Tornatore's* jinricksha in Tokyo and heard *Judith Collins* play the violin in Shanghai.

Incidentally, did you see, in this morning's paper, the announcement of *Lois Martin's* engagement to *Richard Bourbeau*, who is the present Water Commissioner of New York City? Her mother is giving a big party tonight in honor of the couple. *Joseph Calcasola* is catering for this big event. His famous waitresses, *Sharon Beard*, *Grace DiRosa*, and *Lucille Sika*, dressed as various flowers, will serve the dinner.

Roberta Colletti, Powers model, has her photograph on the cover of the latest "Life" magazine. In the same issue is a fine article about the new atomic hats designed by *Judith Child*.

Our surf-board team, composed of *Carol "Here I Come, There I Go"*, *Adams*, *Susan "Trixie" Bent*, and *James Carzello*, is arriving on this ocean liner too. They will represent us at the Olympics and will be joined later by *Jo-Ann Romano*, the hundred yard dash runner; *Geraldine Giles*, the broad jumper; and *Francis "Giant" Golden*, the pole-vaulting champion. *Harvey "Rubberjaw" Gemme* and *Nancy Gannuscio* will be our team in the Bubble Gum contest. Harvey's record is a bubble as large as a basketball! We hope Nancy can beat that!

There's *Stephen Gregorski*, owner of the huge "Greggy" Circus. It is now playing in Madison Square Gardens in New York City. I understand *James Daly* and *Bonita Lineham* are the star aerial acrobats, *Ronald Wells* is the lion tamer, *Michael Okraska* is the fire and sword swallower in the side show, while *Nancy Bessette* charms the snakes. *Michael Pacholski* is the funny man who makes everyone laugh with his antics.

Edward Waskiel and *Raymond Fiore*, from the United Nations Security Council, are here to meet their co-worker, *Richard Matulewicz*, who is returning from a meeting of UNESCO in Switzerland. His secretary, *Catherine Vail*, accompanied him.

Here is the engineer of the ship, *Russell Bellico*, and his assistant, *Kenneth Chaine*.

Noel Freeman, Missionary for several years in Africa, is just stepping down

the gang plank. He is greeted by *John Filo*, head of the African Missions.

Frances Eddy, who has made a name for herself as an international good will teacher, is returning from a trip around the world. And there is *Helen Eddy* going to meet her. *Helen* is now the Principal of the new grammar school in Enfield.

Carolyn Parlin is carefully guarding her famous 'cello. She has made the headlines both as a musician and an artist.

Take over, please, *Kathleen*.

Hello again! Well, if it isn't *Gary Coolen*, who piloted the first successful rocket-ship to land on the moon. The Commanding Officer of the trip was *Richard Strom*, assisted by the noted scientist, *Mary Ann Maciolek*. *Paul Pochron* designed the rocket and *Ernest Harrington* was the radio operator. *Dennis Piranian* served as chef for the trip, while *Linda Rumill* was the stewardess. *Charles Scavutto* was the mechanic in charge of the delicate devices. *Clyde Hurley*, of the Washington Weather Bureau, acted as weather observer. The rocket, upon its return to earth, landed in Turkey, so the group returned by ship to this country. Professor *Maureen Mullen* of Yale University, will write a book on the experiences of this group.

Rhoda Persky, I see, is returning from a meeting of kindergarten teachers in Rome. Close behind her with his inevitable brief case, is *Ronald Bennett*, the renowned criminal lawyer.

Waiting for custom inspection is *Rosanne Porcello*, the ultra-modern Literace. She has just received a golden record for her recording of "Serenade in the Antarctic", composed by *Mary Pierce*. People tell me it is very cool!

Charles A. Sabia, who has succeeded *Edward R. Murrow* on "Person to Person", plans to visit *Carol Pacholski* in her Floral Conservatory on tonight's telecast. Her fine collection of birds, trained by *Joseph Jacaruso*, will appear on the show. On the same program *Mr. Sabia* will interview the *Scintillating Simula Sisters*, *Martha* and *Muriel* — sensational commediennes of the year. On next week's broadcast, *Sergeant Phyllis Snyder*, in charge of the Nike Battery in East Windsor, will be his guest for the first part of the program and *Seraphina Verdina* on the latter part of the show. *Seraphina* just had her first book, "The Donkey Rides a Man", published. It is illustrated by *Elaine Pierog*.

Among others in the news today is *Dawn Streeker* who has discovered a method for inspiring and reviving sleepy

—Continued after pictures

“Long May It Wave”

VALEDICTORY

OUR MOTTO “Long May It Wave” is inspiring to us as a symbol of American Democracy. For over one hundred and seventy-five years, the American flag has waved over our land; the proud and sacred symbol of the freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which our country stands.

The history of the Stars and Stripes is the history of our nation; it symbolizes not only the ideals, traditions, and free institutions of our Republic, but also the expansion and territorial development of our United States. The thirteen original states have grown to the number of forty-eight, the union of our forty-eight.

The American patriots fought in the Revolutionary War to win their independence. After they won their independence the American Flag became their symbol of democracy.

On June 14, 1777, the Congress resolved that the Flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars; white in a blue field representing a new constellation. You all know the story of the making of the first flag.

But “Old Glory” could not be kept in peace forever. In 1812, when war between England and the United States broke out, the security of our flag was once again threatened. One of the most outstanding battles of this war was at Fort McHenry, in Maryland. Waving triumphantly over the fort, amid the shot and shell raining down from a heavy British bombardment, the flag continued to fly. This inspired Francis Scott Key to write “The Star Spangled Banner”, America’s National Anthem, from which our motto, “Long May It Wave” was taken.

As states were admitted to the Union a new star and a new stripe were added to the flag. Soon many more states came and it became evident that the flag would become too large. In April, 1818, in Congress, a law was passed, stating that for each new state a star would be added to the flag, but that there would always remain thirteen stripes.

The real test of America and its flag was the Civil War. This war would determine “whether that nation or any

nation so conceived and so dedicated could long endure”. The nation was brought together and again the Stars and Stripes waved proudly instead of the Stars and Bars of the Confederacy.

In World War I, George M. Cohan’s song, “It’s a Grand Old Flag”, expressed the patriotic mood of the people. The stirring words of this song always make people’s hearts beat a little faster and give them a little more pride in just being American.

Even during the depression, when people had a right to become discouraged about the future of our country, there were few doubts that we would once again rise to our former importance, and with us would go our glorious flag. History has proved our trust and beliefs to have been sound.

During World War II, our hearts were again warmed by the now famous picture of five Americans of different races and creeds, risking their lives to prove that even over a little, lava-strewn island, called Iwo Jima, Americans still loved their flag.

Communism now threatens our flag and nation, but if Americans are still willing to fight for what the flag stands for, the principles of our heritage will be left for those who follow us. Therefore it will long wave over this free nation.

Classmates, we are now to leave the A. D. Higgins Junior High School, where we have spent two happy years. As we leave, we wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Board of Education; to Mr. Lee, Superintendent of Schools; to Mr. White, our principal; and to our teachers and parents who have helped us to reach this point in our education. We are grateful to them and we shall endeavor in the years ahead to be worthy of the trust they have placed in us.

JOHN DEVINE

Faculty Advisor
MR. JESSE MEYERS

Class of 1957

HIGHEST HONOR

John Michael Devine

HIGH HONOR

Mary Ann Maciolek
Carolyn F. Parlin

William Peter Zeronsa

HONOR

Ronald Bennett
Matthew Blaszko
Richard Linwood Bragg
Joan Marie Buoniconti
Caroline Mary Cogtella
Frances Barbara Eddy

Helen Katherine Eddy
Donald Anthony Grippo
Kathleen Ann Legienza
Richard Francis Matulewicz
Carol Gay McFall
David George Mongon

Maureen Ann Elizabeth Mullen
Carol Pacholski
Claire Ann Polek
Jo-Ann Norma Romano
Jacqueline Santoro
Dawn Linda Strecker

OTHER GRADUATES

Carol Jean Adams
June Elise Arnold
Mary Ann Arnone
Thomas Roy Arrowsmith
George W. Ball, Jr.
Edgar Baskerville
Sharon Marie Beard
Brenda Joyce Bednarski
Russell Paul Bellico
Wallace O. Bennett, Jr.
Susan Bent
Dolena Ann Besse
Nancy F. Bessette
Susanne Beyer
Dennis R. Bielitz
Beverly Hunt Blownen
James Blownen
Paul Bonanno
Richard K. Bourbeau
Joseph Carlo Calcasola
Carlo A. Carlone
James Carzello
June Ann Casarella
Carmelo Catania
Kenneth L. Chaine
Jeanne D. Chapman
Judith Ann Child
Barbara Ann Cimino
Rosalie Rena Colca
Roberta Doris Colletti
Judith Ellen Collins
Deborah Lee Coolen
Gary Kenniston Coolen
Robert J. Cuscovitch
Grace DiRosa
Shirley Ann Ellis
Richard L. Fecteau
John S. Filo
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Ronald Dale Freeman
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Frederick Gavey
Harvey William Gemme
Gerald A. Giles
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Francis James Golden
Stephen J. Gregorski
Ernest Leroy Harrington
Paul E. Hayes
Charles G. Hopson
Clyde John Hurley
Edward D. Ingraham, III
Joseph S. Jacaruso
Leon P. Janik, Jr.
Elaine Rose Ann Jemiolo
Richard Francis Krusinski
Stanley Kupiec
Joan Frances Kurley
Jo Ann Dorothy Lamagna
Marion Teresa Lamana
Marion Louise Lange
Gail Elizabeth Lees
Chester R. Lempitsky
Carolyn Ann Leone
Susan Jame Lewis
Bonita Jean Linehan
Gerald J. Luke
James Joseph Lyko
Shirley Antoinette Maciolek
Charles Joseph Maggio
Faith Ethel Mallinson
Jean Marie Mancuso
Lois Mae Martin
Patricia Ann Massaro
Bernard James McGrath
Barry Wayne McNelly
John E. Messemmer, Jr.
Kathleen Marie Minichiello
Diane Margaret Molyn
Leonard A. Montano
Thomas John Murphy
Alphonso William Nosal

Michael E. Okraska
Albert Arthur Ouellette
Michael Joseph Pacholski
Rhoda Lee Persky
Steven Joseph Picanco
Carl James Piemonte
Mary G. Pierce
Elaine Ann Pierog
Dennis Michael Piranian
Paul Joseph Pochron
Dorothy Lillian Porcello
Rose Ann Porcello
Bertha Ann Prajzner
Thomas Charles Ragno
Joseph John Ravosa
Nancy Jane Reynolds
Shirley A. Richardson
Linda May Rumill
Michael Warren Ryan
Charles Anthony Sabia
Charles R. Scavatto
Lucille Jo-Anna Sika
Martha Joyce Simula
Muriel Jane Simula
Marilyn Anne Sperrazza
Richard Smith
Phyllis Joan Snyder
Richard O. Strom
Neil Joseph Tammaro
Patricia Ann Targonski
John Bernard Thibodeau
Thomas Michael Tornatore
Patricia Agnes Tough
Richard E. Tyrowicz
Catherine Ward Vail
Seraphina Mary Verdina
Francis Carl Walenta
Edward John Waskiel
Ronald Welles
James R. Wile
Joseph John Wojcik
James Joseph Zirolli
James Josef Zych

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CHEERLEADERS



THE TATLER STAFF

—Photo by Brown



VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM



STUDENT COUNCIL

—Photo by Brown

Graduates of 1957



Carol Adams

Happy-go-lucky, carefree and true,
She brings a smile and good cheer to
you.



June Arnold

Glee Club, Bus Monitor, Cheer-
leading

June wants to be a teacher indeed.
And I am sure she will succeed.



Mary Ann Arnone

Mary Ann is happy, ambitious, and
wise,
Her friendship is really something to
prize.



Thomas Arrowsmith

When Thomas is a rancher away out
West,
His farm and his cattle will be the
best.



George W. Ball, "Billy"

Class President

Billy is kind of tall,
And is always on the ball.



Edgar Baskerville

Nominating Committee, Basement
Monitor, Lunch Room Monitor, Home Room President
When Edgar's work is put to the test,
His poultry farm will be the best.



Sharon Beard

Junior Hi-Y, Education Week
Registrar, Notice Messenger

When Sharon takes a needle in hand,
She always makes something grand.



Brenda Bednarski

Gym Monitor, Lunchroom Monitor,
Education Week Registrar

A secretary Brenda will be,
Taking dictation from a big company.



Russell Bellico, "Rusty"

Education Week Registrar, Student
Council, Nominating Committee, Varsity Basketball Team,
Interclass Athletics, Traffic Monitor,
Glee Club

Russell's brains will never get dusty,
Even though his nickname's "Rusty".

Ronald Bennett, "Ronnie"

Junior Hi-Y, Gym Monitor, Education Week Registrar, Glee Club, Orchestra, Basketball Team, Student Council, Advertising Staff of Tatler, Interclass Basketball Team, Captain of Magazine Drive

To be a lawyer is Ronnie's ambition.
A judge some day may be his position.



Wallace Bennett, "Butch"

Tatler Staff, Magazine Drive,
Gym Monitor

Greatly admired by the girls is he,
When he's around there is much glee.



Susan Bent, "Sue"

Glee Club, Notice Messenger,
Gym Monitor

To be a secretary is Susan's aim,
With this we hope, she will gain fame



Dolena Besse, "Dolly"

Polly is quiet in our class.
She is trying hard to pass.



Nancy Bessette

Flower Committee, Room Secretary,
Photographs, Education Week Registrar, Gym Monitor

Nancy will be a hairdresser fine,
And our hair she will make to curl
and shine.



Susanne Beyer, "Sue"

Playground Monitor, Christmas
Seals

Sue is a nice lass,
And is quiet in every class.



Dennis Bielitz, "Denny"

Student Council

Always quiet and so willing,
The heart of many a girl he is thrilling.



Matthew Blaszko, "Buck"

Gym Monitor, Tatler Staff, Varsity Basketball Team, Interclass Athletic Program

Matthew's future is very clear,
He wants to be an engineer.



Beverly Blownen, "Bev"

Cheerleader, Glee Club, Education Week Guide

Beverly is happy and gay,
Throughout every moment of the day.





James Blown, "Jimmy"
Basement Monitor, March of Dimes

A machinist Jimmy wants to be,
To keep things running for you and me.



Paul Bonanno
Vice-President of Student Council, Traffic Monitor, Interclass Athletics

When Paul becomes an auto mechanic,
We hope his "Hot Rods" won't start a panic.



Richard Bourbeau
Building boats he likes the best,
Boats that stand the hardest test.



Richard L. Bragg, "Richie"
Education Week Registrar, Tatler Staff

Richie is a smart lad,
Homework makes him feel so sad.



Joan Buoniconti, "Cheyenne"
Secretary of the Glee Club,
Literary Editor of Tatler Staff,
Notice Messenger

Jean has just one ambition,
That is to be a dictitian.



Joseph C. Calcasola, "Joe"
Education Week Guide
When business is done he'll be on his way.
To play in a Band the rest of the day.



Carlo Carlone, "Carl"
Education Week Registrar,
Motto Committee
Carlo has a grin real sly,
To match the twinkle in his eye.



James Carzello, "Jimmy"
Nominating Committee, Tatler Staff, Varsity Basketball
Jimmy wants to be a mechanic,
When our car breaks down he'll rid us of panic.



June Ann Casarella
Education Week Registrar, Gym Monitor, Junior Hi-Y, Photographs, Tatler Staff
June is a whizz in her English classes,
A secretary she will be after she passes.



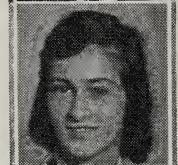
Carmen Catania, "Cat"
Student Council Secretary, Gym Monitor, Group Pictures, Interclass Athletics
As President "Carm" wields the gavel,
He quickly silences all our babble.

Kenneth Chaine, "Ken"
Student Council
Kenny fools a lot in class,
He wonders whether he will pass!



Jeanne Diane Chapman, "Jeannie"
Tatler Staff

Hostess Jeanne will keep us comfy,
When the air's a little bumpy.



Judith Child, "Judy"
Education Week Registrar, Education Week Guide, Tatler Staff, Glee Club, Student Council, Cheerleaders, Playground Monitor

To be a nurse is Judy's desire,
Her neatness, her patience we all admire.



Barbara Ann Cimino, "Barb"
Student Council, Education Week Guide

Barbara is a pleasure to everyone she knows,
She is always welcome wherever she goes.



Caroline Cogtella "Carrie"
Class Flower Committee, Notice Messenger, Student Council, Glee Club

Carrie has cute ways about her,
She plans to be a fashion designer.



Rosalie Bena Colca

Gym Monitor, Magazine Drive, Traffic Monitor, Christmas Seals
Your talents are many, Rosalie, dear,
America welcomes you; be happy here.



Roberta Colletti, "Babs"

Education Week Registrar, Gym Monitor, Glee Club, Tatler Staff
Roberta is a sweet lass indeed,
We are sure she will succeed.



Judith Collins, "Judy"
Cheerleader, Orchestra, String Choir Group

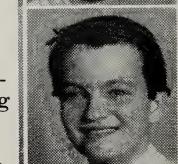
Judy can attempt any ol' feat,
She's the kind of girl that can't be beat.



Deborah L. Coolen, "Debby"

Lunchroom Monitor, Gym Monitor, Glee Club, Nominating Committee

Cathy's friend is Debra dear,
She's always around, but seldom here.



Gary Coolen

Junior Hi-Y, Photographs, Education Week Registrar
We won't be surprised if "Gentleman Gary,"
Takes off for college in a self-designed "Ferrari."



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Robert Cusevitch, "Cussy"
Bus Monitor, Education Week Guide
"I don't know," is Robert's reply,
When you look him in the eye.



James Daly
Home Room Vice-President
Although he can't do it in racing cars,
James will be the first to get to Mars.



John Devine, "Div"
Interclass Athletics, Photographs, Education Week Guide, Education Week Registrar, Glee Club, Teen Age Book Club Secretary
An aeronautical engineer John wants to be,
We all hope he accomplishes this successfully.



Kathleen Di Maso, "Kathy"
Glee Club, Junior Hi-Y, Student Council, Gym Monitor, Notice Messenger, Education Week Registrar, Librarian, Tatler Staff, Photographs
Kathy always strives for perfection,
The nursing field is her selection.



Grace Di Rosa
Motto Committee, Homeroom Attendance
To us she's always been kind and polite,
To her patients she'll be the "Angel in White."



Frances Eddy
School Librarian, Class Flower Committee
An airline hostess Frances will be,
Someday she'll be serving you and me.



Helen Eddy
Tatler Ads
Helen's manners we all admire,
Creating lovely music is her desire.



Shirley Ellis
Bus Monitor, Glee Club, Gym Monitor
Smiling and laughing always gay,
Never at a loss for words to say.



Richard Fecteau
Glee Club, Bus Monitor, Education Week Registrar
In the navy some day Richard will serve,
And many a medal he will deserve.



John Filo
Bus Monitor, Education Week Guide
When John builds bridges as a civil engineer,
The whole country will rise and cheer.

Raymond A. Fiore, "Ray"
Varsity Basketball Team, Class Gift Committee, Interclass Athletics

When Raymond starts building dwellings,
We know they'll be as perfect as his spelling.



Noel Frank Freeman, "Hot Rod"
When engines hum, Noel lends an ear,
For he hopes to become an engineer.



Ronald Freeman, "Ronnie"
Glee Club

A truck driver Ronnie wants to be,
He'll make a good one you wait and see.



Nancy Marie Gannuscio
"Chi-Chi"

Nominating Committee, Student Council, Traffic Officer

Nancy is neat and always ready,
She'll make an efficient secretary.



Bonnie Garrow

Bonnie's cooking is quite a treat,
The desserts she makes just can't be beat.



Karen Gates, "Gage"

Bus Monitor, Red Cross, Class Gift Committee, Basement Monitor

Karen has a nice, sweet smile,
She tries to make herself worth while.



Thomas Gates, "Tommy"
Gym Monitor

Tommy always likes to eat,
He even thinks the desk a treat.



Frederick Gavey, "Fred"
Education Week Registrar, Student Council

Fred is so blond and tall,
He is liked by one and all.



Harvey William Gemme,
"Buddy"

Student Council, Traffic Officer
Busy Harvey is training his ears,
To detect noises in auto gears.



Gerald Giles

When Gerald learns the mechanic's trade,
We'll bring him our car when it needs aid.





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Geraldine A. Giles, "Gerry"

Geraldine does things with ease,
She tries so very hard to please.



Francis Golden

A little boy with big ideas—
He'll build skyscrapers in a few years.



Stephen Gregorski, "Steve"

Glee Club, Interclass Athletics,
Varsity Basketball, Stair Monitor,
Traffic Monitor, Education Week
Registrar

Steve goes for athletics indeed.
In sports he travels with terrific speed.



Donald Grippo, "Grip"

Gym Monitor, Boys' Entrance
Monitor, Varsity Basketball
Team, Varsity Baseball Team,
Orchestra, Class Officer, Student
Council, Tatler Staff, Interclass
Athletic Program

A member of our baseball and basketball team,
And of the crew he is the cream.



**Ernest LeRoy Harrington,
"Ernie"**

Varsity Basketball Team Manager,
Education Week Registrar,
Tatler Staff, Milk Distributor,
Bus Monitor

An engineer Ernest will be,
He'll build a road in "One, two, three."



Paul Hayes

Paul's greatest interest is in a car,
To test its speed and travel far.



Charles Hopson

Lunchroom Monitor, Gym
Monitor

An engineer Charles will be,
This will suit him to a tee.



Clyde Hurley

Clyde plans to join the air force,
He will be a great success of course.



Edward Ingraham, "Eddie"

Eddie is always a happy lad,
With him around we are never sad.



Joseph S. Jacaruso, "Joe"

Education Week Guide, Door
Monitor

Joseph is preparing for a mechanical
career,
By practicing on "Dragsters" year
after year.

Leon Janik, "Lee"

Lunchroom Monitor, Education
Week Registrar, Milk Distributor,
Gym Monitor, Student
Council, Varsity Basketball
Team, Interclass Athletics

Lee wants to be an engineer,
To construct our roads far and near.



Elaine Jemiolo, "Jamoke"

Gym Monitor, Color Committee,
Education Week Guide

Elaine is cheerful and full of glee,
A very good teacher she someday will
be.



Barbara Jones, "Babs"

Tatler Editor in Chief, Orchestra,
String Choir Group

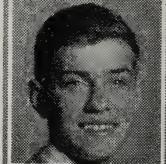
To be a doctor is Barbara's ambition,
Some day she'll be a great physician.



Richard Krusinski, "Rich"

Gym Monitor, Junior Hi-Y,
Orchestra

Richard is quiet in all of his classes,
Work comes first, than the lasses.



Stanley Kupiec, "Stan"

Varsity Basketball Team, Orchestra,
Interclass Athletics,
Tatler Staff

Stan is clever, Stan is tall,
His favorite sport is basketball.



Joan Kurley, "Jo"

Tatler Staff, Glee Club, Assistant
Mail Girl, Assistant Bus
Caller, Student Council, Enumeration
Committee

To be a nurse is Joan's ambition,
Someday she will be a pediatrician.



Jo Ann Lamagna, "Jo"

Jo Ann is always happy and always
wears a smile,
To do us a favor she'd walk a country
mile.



Marion Lamana, "Lamana"

Education Week Registrar, Glee
Club

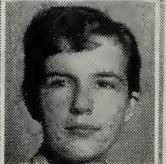
Marion is a modest lass,
She is very quiet in every class.



Marion L. Lange

Student Council

Marion is quiet but not shy,
She will look any boy in the eye.



Gail Lees

Cheerleading (captain)

Gail works hard at many things,
Right up till the school bell rings.

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Kathleen Legienza, "Kathy"
Student Council, Gym Monitor, Lunchroom Monitor, Substitute Cheerleader, Alternate Notice Messenger, Education Week Registrar, Graduation Theme Committee, President of Glee Club, Tatler Staff, Enumeration Committee

Kathy's grades are admired by all, With her quick thinking she's on the ball.



Chester Lempitsky, "Chet"
Bus Monitor, Magazine Drive Captain

Chester plans to be a master electrician, We think he has made a wise decision.



Carolyn Leone, "Carole"
Glee Club, Education Week Guide, Nominating Committee, and Graduation Committee
Carole is charming, Carole is gay, We're all so glad she is that way.



Susan Lewis
Gym Monitor, Room President, Glee Club

A little bit serious, a little bit gay, That's our Susan every day.



Bonita Jean Linehan, "Bonnie"
Lunch Room Monitor, Gym Monitor, Glee Club, Playground Monitor, Class Flower Committee, Education Week Registrar
When our sweet Bonnie takes to the air, She'll perform her duties with an artistic flair.



Gerald J. Luke, "Jerry"
Jerry is a very good boy, When he sees girls, he jumps for joy.



James Lyko
Gym Monitor, Education Week Registrar, Student Council, Interclass Athletics
James delights in building cars, We hear he plans to drive to Mars.



Mary Ann Maciolek
Junior Hi-Y Club, Business Manager of Tatler Staff, Notice Messenger

Mary Ann has pretty red hair, Her quiet personality is unusually rare.



Shirley Maciolek
Junior Hi-Y, Gym Monitor, Color Committee
To know Shirley is really a delight, She's a real true friend, and very bright.



Charles Maggio, "Chick"
Glee Club, Orchestra, Varsity Basketball, Gym Monitor, Interclass Athletics

Chick wants to be an aircraft engineer, And in many places his work will appear.

Faith Ethel Mallinson, "Faithy"

Basement Monitor, Gym Monitor, Bus Room Monitor, Christmas Seals, Education Week Registrar

When her long day in the ward is done, She'll relax by playing her accordion.



Jean Mancuso, "Jeanie"

Student Council

Jeanie is so gay and very neat, In our estimation she can't be beat.



Lois Martin
Nominating Committee

Soft spoken and quiet in her ways, She helps to bring us happy days.



Patricia Massaro, "Pat"

Student Council, Glee Club, Motto Committee

A secretary someday Pat will be, And work for some big company.



Richard Matulewicz, "Mau"
Assistant Editor in Chief, Student Council, Boys' Entrance Monitor, Varsity Baseball Team, Varsity Basketball Team, Interclass Athletics

An all-star on the diamond is our boy's fate, As a pitcher they'll know him as "Mau the great."



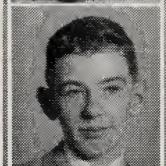
Carol McFall
Glee Club, Gym Monitor, Education Week Guide, Education Week Registrar, Notice Messenger, Tatler Staff

Carol is happy, Carol is gay, Carol will be a fine nurse someday.



Bernard McGrath, "Bernie"
Orchestra, Glee Club, Bus Monitor, Interclass Athletics

To music Bernard always lends an ear, He'll keep time to rivets as a civil engineer.



Barry W. McNelly
Glee Club, Lunchroom Monitor, Substitute Bus Monitor
Barry's quite an expert on planes and guns, To him engineering will be great fun.



John E. Messemer, "Jocko"
Glee Club, Interclass Athletics, Milk Distributor

As a pilot, John is best, Flying people East and West.



Kathleen Minichiello, "Kathy"
Glee Club

Light brown hair and twinkling eyes, Makes Kathy a "real gone" prize.





Diane Molyn, "De-De"

Tatler Staff, Glee Club

Diane is ready on any call,
When she can, she helps us all.



David Mongon, "Cricket"

Photographs, Education Week Guide, Glee Club, Varsity Basketball Team, Tatler Staff, Interclass Athletic Program

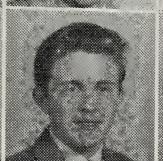
At basketball Dave's really jazzy,
And as a friend I think he's snazzy.



Leonard Montano, "Lenny"

Student Council, Photographs, Captain of Magazine Drive

A pilot Lenny wants to be,
He will crash up a plane, you wait
and see.



Thomas Murphy, "Murph"

Varsity Basketball Team, Student Council, Glee Club, Interclass Athletics, Education Week Guide, Lunchroom Monitor, Gym Monitor

To be a pilot is Tommy's ambition,
He will obtain a high position.



Maureen Mullen

Glee Club, Tatler Staff, Mail Girl, Notice Messenger, Education Week Guide, Bus Monitor, Enumeration Committee

Maureen, a nurse, would like to be,
She will be a success at this, you'll see.



Alphonso Nosal, "Alphie"

Basketball Team, Home Room President, President of Student Council, Gym Monitor, Graduation Committee, Education Week Registrar, Advertising Staff of Tatler

Alphie Nosal will rise to fame,
For being the star of every basketball game.



Michael Okraska, "Mike"

Gym Monitor

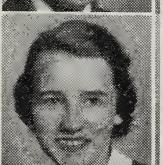
Michael has a lot of pep,
When he gets going, watch his step.



Albert Ouellette, "Al"

Tatler Staff, Education Registrar, Gym Monitor, Bus Monitor, Traffic Monitor, Interclass Athletics

You'll find him in the cockpit of a
"classified" plane, he intends to train.



Carol Pacholski

Photographs, Notice Messenger, Student Council, Tatler Staff

She is kind, she is gentle and yet she
is gay,
A very fine girl in every way.



Michael Pacholski, "Mick"

Michael will make your car glide right
along,

By fixing anything that goes wrong.

Carolyn Parlin, "Catsy"

Orchestra, Notice Messenger, Bus Monitor, Tatler Staff, String Choir Group

Carolyn is sweet and very smart,
Some day her profession will be art.



Rhoda L. Persky, "Rho"

Milk Collector, Lunchroom Monitor, Nominating Committee, Class Flower Committee, Tatler Staff

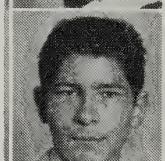
Rhoda is a silly girl,
She always keeps the class in a whirl.



Steven Picano, "Steve"

Education Week Guide, Interclass Athletic Program

As his nickname we call him Steve,
He always has something up his sleeve.



**Carl James Piemonte, Jr.,
"Butchie"**

Glee Club, Interclass Athletics, March of Dimes.

A civil engineer is Carl's aim,
Soon he will be on the road to fame.



Mary Pierce

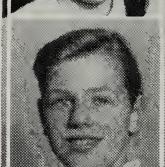
Her nickname now is "Snookie."
Someday she'll be some cookie.



Elaine Ann Pierog

Basement Monitor, Education Week Registrar, Education Week Guide

A secretary Elaine will be,
She will type letters for you and me.



Dennis Piranian

Dennis will become a forest ranger,
To keep the forest fire from danger.



Paul Joseph Pochron

Lunchroom Monitor, Bus Monitor, Graduation Theme Committee, Interclass Athletics, Varsity Baseball, Varsity Basketball

Paul is his given name,
Someday soon he will reach his given fame.



Claire Ann Polek

Tatler Staff, Vice-President of Glee Club, Assistant Gym Monitor, Orchestra, March of Dimes, Librarian, String Choir Group, Enumeration Committee

Claire is popular and full of fun,
And always glad when school is done.



Dorothy Porcello

Glee Club, Student Council, Class Motto Committee

Dorothy a successful lawyer will be,
Fully prepared to defend both you and me.



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Rose Ann Porcello, "Rosie"
Glee Club, Student Council Magazine Drive, Theme Committee, Traffic Monitor
With science Rose Ann likes to wrestle, She'll be happy with mortar and pestle.



Bertha Prajzner
Tatler Staff, Glee Club
Bertha does her work in school, And carefully follows every rule.



Thomas Ragni, "Rags"
Thomas likes hunting and fishing, Someday he'll be a politician.



Nancy Jane Reynolds
Education Week Registrar, Magazine Drive
What a gentle policewoman Nancy will make,
In all who're in trouble an interest she'll take.



Shirley Richardson
Glee Club, Color Committee
She'll be a hairdresser one fine day, And do our hair in the latest way.



Jo-Ann Romano, "Big Louie"
Glee Club, Class Secretary, Orchestra, Teen-Age Book Club
Louie may be rather short, But you can't find a better sport.



Linda May Rumill
Education Week Registrar
Linda May is full of fun, She brings joy to everyone.



Michael Ryan, "Mike"
Gym Monitor

Michael is friendly in every way, He always has so much to say.



Charles Anthony Sabia, "Charlie"
Glee Club, Junior Hi-Y, Tatler Staff, Interclass Athletics, Gym Monitor, Photographs, Traffic Monitor

Charlie is a happy, carefree lad, You never, never, find him sad.



Jacqueline Santoro, "Jackie"
To be a secretary is Jackie's ambition, Someday she will attain a high position.

Charles Scavotto, "Chick"

Graduation Theme Committee
To cure an illness of any description, We'll just get Charles to fill our prescription.



Lucilla Sika, "Lu"
Room Vice-President, Graduation Theme Committee

One day Lucille will soar on high, As an airplane hostess in the sky.



Martha Simula, "Marty"
Stair Monitor, Basement Monitor, Bus Monitor
Nursing is Martha's aim, To help the ones that might be lame.



Muriel Simula
Homeroom Librarian, Basement Monitor, Lunchroom Monitor, Gym Monitor
We can see our Muriel, fair and tall, Easing suffering behind hospital walls.



Marilyn Sperrazza, "Spaz"
Student Council, Notice Messenger, Enumeration Committee
Marilyn is very quiet and steady, But when there is fun, she is always ready.



Richard L. Smith, "Smitty"
Gym Monitor Substitute
The purring sound of a motor will be music to Richard's ear.
After he's repaired it as a mechanical engineer.



Phyllis J. Snyder
Class Color, Bus Monitor, Bus Caller

Phyllis Snyder is her name, She's smart, she's brilliant, and full of fame.



Dawn Strecker
Color Committee, Gym Monitor
Dawn is a very smart lass, And she has friends in every class.



Richard Strom, "Rickey"
Rickey is such a silly wit, Of the star pupils he is the opposite.



Neil Tammaro
Gift Committee, Home Room Secretary

Jazz lovers surely would enjoy, The music of Neil, our drummer boy.





Patricia Ann Targonski, "Pat"
Education Week Registrar,
Tatler Staff

Pat's always well-groomed from head to heel,
No wonder sewing and hairdressing to her appeal.

**John Thibodeau**

When John becomes a forest ranger
He'll protect the land from its greatest danger.

**Thomas Tornatore**

Nominating Committee

With hammer and nail he'll ply his trade,
How proud he'll be of what he's made!



Patricia Tough, "Dimples"
Education Week Guide, Gift Committee

Patty is so cheerful and gay,
A secretary she'll be some day.



Richard Tyrowicz "Richie"
Student Council

Richard hates to go to school,
He'd rather dance, and play, and fool.



Catherine W. Vail, "Cathie"
Basement Monitor, Education Week Registrar, Glee Club

Cathie's happy, light, and gay,
But she blushes all the day.



Seraphina Verdina
Class Colors Committee, Glee Club

Seraphina is respected by everyone,
Satisfied only when the job is well done.



**Francis Carl Walento,
"Big Frank"**

Theme Committee, Traffic Monitor, Orchestra, Education Week Registrar, Interclass Athletics, Varsity Basketball

Photographer, machinist, businessman or such,
He'll "be the best," we know that much.



Edward Waskiel, "Eddie"
Varsity Baseball, Student Council

Edward is a very smart lad,
When tests come back he's very glad.

**Ronald Welles, "Ron"**

High in the tower of a Forest Ranger,
Ronny will alert us to any danger.

James Wile, "Butch"

Bus Caller, Bus Monitor
James wants to be an engineer,
Fixing TVs far and near.

**Joseph Wojcik**

Bus Monitor, Education Week Registrar, Orchestra

When Joseph learns the carpenter trade,
His houses all will be very well made.

**William Zeronsa, "Willie"**

Gym Monitor, Boys' Entrance Monitor, Education Week Registrar, Bus Caller, Business Manager of Tatler Staff

William is studying with great zest,
For to be an engineer is his quest.

**James Zirolli, "Jay"**

Education Week Registrar, Glee Club, Student Council, Class Officer, Interclass Athletics, Photographs

Our vice-president is as smart as can be,
We're mighty proud of our Jimmie.

**James Zych, "Zyckie"**

Glee Club, Student Council, Interclass Athletics

An astronomer James wants to be,
To study the stars for you and me.

**Joseph Ravosa, "Chuck"**

Student Council, Orchestra

Although Joseph is short,
He is a good sport.

**Class Statistics**

Prettiest Girl.....	Mary Ann Arnone
Handsomest Boy.....	Alphonso Nosal
Most Popular Girl.....	Kathleen DiMaso
Most Popular Boy.....	Alphonso Nosal
Quietest Girl.....	Frances Eddy
Quietest Boy.....	Dennis Piranian
Most Talkative Girl.....	Carolyn Leone
Most Talkative Boy.....	Steven Gregorski
Class Artist.....	Carolyn Parlin
Wittiest Girl.....	Carolyn Leone
Wittiest Boy.....	Richard Strom
Glamour Girl.....	Barbara Cimino
Glamour Boy.....	Carmen Catania
Class Musician.....	Carolyn Parlin
Class Poet.....	Kathleen Legienza
Best All-Round Girl.....	Kathleen DiMaso
Best All-Round Boy.....	Alphonso Nosal
Best Girl Dancer.....	Mary Ann Maciolek
Best Boy Dancer.....	Alphonso Nosal

Class Will

AS we prepare to move on from the Alvin D. Higgins School to meet the challenge of a high school education, a duty has been bestowed upon us, as attorneys of the graduating class of 1957, to bequeath these, some of our most prized possessions obtained during our school days here, to next year's lucky eighth graders. We sincerely hope they make as good use of them as we did.

Item I — To Mr. Lee, Mr. White and members of the faculty — our gratitude for the patience and understanding they showed us during our stay with them.

Item II — In addition, to our patient and thoughtful teachers, we leave a pair of gold-plated tweezers to pull out all the gray hairs we have caused.

Item III — We, the humble, considerate and kind-hearted pupils of the class of 1957, reluctantly leave you, the seventh graders: Mr. Meyers, Miss Delaney, Miss Stewart, Mr. Cerrato, Mr. Lepore and Mrs. Bennett, our eighth grade teachers.

Item IV — To the janitors, we leave behind all the gum we stuck underneath our desks and chairs.

To assist in initiating some of our followers, individual bequests have been made by certain members of the class of 1957.

1. David Mongon wills his bottle of shrinking pills to Raymond Myott.

2. Marilyn Sperrazza leaves her funny antics to someone who acts like George Gobel.

3. Alphonse Nosal leaves his ever-roaming eyes to any future astronomer.

4. The girls of the eighth grade will their cooking skill to the seventh grade girls. Please girls, have pity on the poor boys.

5. Robert Cuscovitch leaves his inherited study habits to Kent Remington.

6. Jacqueline Santoro bequeaths her auburn hair to Ann Pound.

7. Patricia Massaro wills all her pretty clothes to Mary Savage.

8. Thomas Ragno leaves his pad of "phony" excuses to the first one who finds it.

9. Claire Polek leaves her bellowing voice to Elizabeth Heath.

10. Barbara Jones wills her long hair to Cynthia Davis.

11. Karen Gates leaves behind her many odd bracelets to Judith Raffia.

12. Carol Pacholski leaves her good manners and quiet ways to Pamela Rarus.

13. Michael Okraska leaves his white bucks to next year's Pat Boone.

14. To anyone interested in blowing his brains out, Richard Strom leaves his chemistry set.

15. Carmen Catania wills his curly hair to Thomas Taylor.

16. John Devine bequeaths his brilliant intellect to Charles McKinney.

17. Lois Martin leaves her walks with a certain boy to next year's lovebirds.

18. Donald Grippo wills his agility and blazing speed on the base paths to Allan Guminski.

19. Carolyn Parlin leaves her artistic ability to Joyce Pierog.

20. Kathleen Legienza and Joan

CLASS PROPHECY—Continued

pupils with one easy jab. What they wouldn't have given for that at Higgins in the good old days!

Beverly Blown is appearing as leading lady in the new television show "Top of the Pop" written by *June Casarella*.

Take over, *Claire*, Please.

Dr. Shirley Maciolek is drawing the crowds to her Dental Office. She has started the fad of coloring teeth to match the costume, and is fabulously rich from the idea. Her dental technician, *June Arnold*, is one of the highest paid in the Eastern part of the United States.

Look at that poster advertising a spectacular square dancing contest tonight! Isn't that *Bernard McGrath* pictured with his violin? He's considered the best fiddler for square dances in the country. *Richard Smith* and *Kathleen Minichello* will be there representing *Steven Picano's "Square Toe Dance Studio."* *Jeanne Chapman* won the national lady's honors for 1967 and will crown the new champion tonight.

As we turn to leave, a service truck drives up. Two women mechanics jump out. Believe it or not, we see *Shirley Richardson* and *Brenda Bednarski* about to help some poor fellow out of his mechanical misery.

The passengers and crew have left. The docks are deserted and only we are remaining. It has been indeed an exciting time for us meeting and hearing about our classmates. But now, we too, must leave. And so we say, "Farewell!" This is your roving reporter, *Claire Polek*, and your newsy photographer, *Kathleen Legienza*, signing off.

Prophets:

CLAIRE POLEK and KATHLEEN LEGIENZA

Faculty Advisor:

MRS. MARY O'NEIL

Sports Activities

VARSITY BASKETBALL

Won	Lost
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PLAYERS

Richard Matulewicz, Co-captain
 Donald Grippo, Co-captain
 Raymond Fiore
 Alphonso Nosal
 Dennis Matulewicz
 Stephen Gregorski
 Robert Lecitra
 Ronald Bennett
 David Mongon
 Charles Maggio
 Stanley Kupiec
 Russell Bellico
 Paul Pochron
 James Pellegrini
 Leon Janik
 William Homicki
 Kent Remington
 Ralph Cerrato, Coach

Higgins Basketball Team's leading scorer was Dennis Matulewicz, with a 7.6 point per game average. Defensively, Richard Matulewicz was our ace.

Our first game was played at the Enfield Street School against Hazardville. The first half was well played to a 6-6 tie. In the last half, Hazardville came into the lead and was victorious—the score being 14 to 6. Our second game was also played at the Enfield Street School. We were host to County Home of Warehouse Point. At the end of the first half, we were ahead 31 to 4, but in the second half, County Home put up a good fight. At the end of the game, Higgins won—the score being 43 to 20. All the players had a fine opportunity to participate.

Buoniconti leave their numerous, and comical nicknames to Lynn Patrevita and Patricia Attardi.

21. Charles Hopson leaves his desk full of pin-ups to Rodney Gallagher. Lucky boy!

22. Carolyn Leone wills all her laughs and giggles to Virginia Evans. What's this? Carolyn getting serious?

23. William Zeronsa leaves his eye-catching figure to Carlton Soucier.

24. Rosalie Colca leaves her sewing ability to Elaine Dewsbury.

25. Mary Ann Arnone leaves her good looks to Elaine Paradis. Just watch the boys swarm around her.

Unfortunately, we have exhausted our

The third game was also played at the Enfield Street School against St. Joseph's School of Thompsonville.

The talent shown by both teams was outstanding. Two of our star players, Richard Matulewicz and Donald Grippo, had four personal fouls and were almost put out of the game. In the second half, St. Joseph did not score, due to the strong defense of Richard Matulewicz and Stephen Gregorski. We came ahead and went on to victory by the score of 24 to 16.

The next game, we played St. Joseph's again. The defense for both teams again excelled. The score at the end of the first half was 17 to 4 in our favor, due to fine shooting by Alphonso Nosal and Robert Lecitra. The score in the fourth period found the two teams tied 23 to 23—a very thrilling game.

In spite of the second half rally by St. Joseph's, Higgins won the game with a score of 40 to 27. Our fifth game was played at County Home in Warehouse Point. At the end of the game the score was 33 to 24, bringing our record up to 4 wins, 1 loss.

Our sixth game was played at the Enfield Street School against Windsor Locks. At the end of the first half, they were ahead 8 to 6. At the end of the second half, Dennis Matulewicz gave us the lead with one of his timely one-handed push shots. In the last minutes of the game both teams showed see-saw scoring. It was a very exciting game, as Higgins went ahead, and stayed ahead, to win 23 to 21.

The last game was a return match with Windsor Locks. The defense for the first half on both teams seemed impregnable. In the first half Dennis

possessions and must therefore conclude this last will and testament on this fifth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty seven. We confidently place Mr. White as executor of this will, to dispose of these items, our priceless belongings, to their rightful heirs.

Attorneys:

JO-ANN ROMANO
 RICHARD MATULEWICZ

Faculty Advisor:
 MR. MARIO GENTILE

Witnesses:

ELVIS PRESLEY
 WINKY DINK
 MICKEY MOUSE

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Matulewicz set us up with a good chance to win. In spite of this, Higgins couldn't hit the net, as Windsor Locks went on to win 49 to 39.

The boys were extremely happy with their 5-2 record besides the fact of gaining valuable experience on the Varsity Basketball Team.

CHEER LEADING

The cheerleading tryouts were held in the A. D. Higgins School, under the supervision of Beverly Frank. Thirty girls tried out, of which only five Seventh graders and five Eighth graders were chosen.

The girls elected were:

Captain, Gail Lees	Lynn Patrevita
Beverly Blownen	Diane Pederzoli
June Arnold	Joyce Pierog
Judy Collins	Miriam Blownen
Judy Child	Virginia Evans

They performed well at our games and brought moral support to our boys which helped decide our successful season.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

The Intramural League Basketball Program was organized by Carl Anpelica, and was under the supervision of Ralph Cerrato and Donald Ambrosini.

There were eight teams entered, four in the Eastern Division and four in the Western Division. In the Eastern Division, the New York Knickerbockers, whose captain was Stephen Gregorski, topped the Division. In the Western

Division, the Minneapolis Lakers were the winners under the leadership of Thomas Murphy and Paul Pochron.

The following is a list of the teams in the Eastern Division and Western Division according to their standings:

EASTERN DIVISION

1. *New York Knickerbockers*
Captain, Stephen Gregorski
Robert Chilson
Kent Remington
Alphonse Misuraca
Stanley Kupiec
Hubert Santos
Mathew Blaszko

2. *Syracuse Nationals*
Captain, Richard Matulewicz
Ronald Bennett
Raymond Vella
James Zirolli
Angelo Sferazza
Robert Delnickas

3. *Rochester Royals*
Captain, Alphonso Nosal
Charles Sabia
Dennis Matulewicz
Al Oulette
Francis Walenta
Bernard McGrath

4. *Boston Celtics*
Captain, James Lyko
Russell Bellico
Raymond Fiore
William Matulewicz
Charles Hopson
Edward Pohorylo
James Wojcik

WESTERN DIVISION

1. *Minneapolis Lakers*
Co-captains
Thomas Murphy
Paul Pochron
Carl Piemonte
Thomas Murray
David Mongon
James Pellegrini

2. *Philadelphia Warriors*
Captain, Charles Maggio
William Homicki
Michael Blaney
Donald Grippo
Thomas Taylor
Gary Chappell

3. *Saint Louis Hawks*
Captain, Carmen Catania
Paul Bonanno
Ronald Welles
Leon Janik
Robert Lecitra
Edward Messenger

4. *Ft. Wayne Pistons*
Captain, James Zych

Attendance Record

The following people have had perfect attendance from September, 1956, until April, 1957.

SEVENTH GRADE	EIGHTH GRADE
James Dewaine	Shirley Ellis
Richard Polek	Richard Fecteau
Judith Raffia	Joseph John Wojcik
Francis Typrovicwz	Helen Eddy
Nancy Cynoski	Francis Eddy
Annette Lefelure	John Filo
Ronald Bajek	Noel Freeman
Michael Blaney	Barry McNelly
Richard Gregorski	Susan Bent
Joyce Jarocz	David Mongon
Carolyn Krupczak	Maureen Mullen
Albert Leduc	Carlo Caralone
Robert Novak	Phyllis Snyder
Lorraine Prajner	Edward Ingraham
Eileen Quinn	Nancy Gannuscio
Hubert Santos	

Steven Picano
Francis McKenna
John Thibodeau
Thomas Crisinati

The two leading teams of the divisions had a league playoff. The New York Knickerbockers defeated the Minneapolis Lakers by a score of 36 to 26, to win the championship and to go on to play the champions of the Hazardville League.

An all-star team was chosen to play a game with the Hazardville All-stars. The first team, all-star players, were Stephen Gregorski, Robert Chillson, Richard Matulewicz, Dennis Matulewicz, and Alphonso Nosal. The second team consisted of Kent Remington, Donald

Grippo, Leon Janik, Stanley Kupiec, and Raymond Fiore.

The high scorers in the Intramural League were Richard Matulewicz, with 147 points for an average of 12.3 points per game, second was Dennis Matulewicz with 142 points for an average of 11.9 points per game, and third was Alphonso Nosal with 134 points for an average of 11.1 points per game. Stephen Gregorski was chosen "Most Valuable Player," by Supervisors Ralph Cerrato and Donald Ambrosini, for his attitude, interest, and ability.

ERNEST HARRINGTON, Editor
DAVID MONGON,
Assistant Sports Editor

Prizes

FOLLOWING the custom set by graduating classes in the past, prizes will be awarded to the students who have achieved the highest ratings in certain subjects.

The Alvin D. Higgins Scholarship will be given to the two top-honor students. The Valedictorian will be given the privilege of having his or her name engraved on the scholarship plaque.

The most outstanding citizen of the class, will receive a bronze key and two dollars and fifty cents.

A good friend of our school will award two dollars and fifty cents to the boy or girl who has done the best work in dictation.

For the best vocational scrapbooks, prizes amounting to ten dollars; five dollars for the first prize, three dollars for the second prize, and two dollars for the third prize will be awarded by the Lions Club.

The Woman's Club of Enfield donates an award of five dollars to the best pupil in English, and an award of five dollars to the outstanding pupil in mathematics.

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary, Tanguay-Magill Post, awards five dollars for the best essay on Democracy.

To the boy and girl who have improved the most in spelling, the Higgins School Parent-Teachers Association gives a prize of two dollars and fifty cents.

The outstanding student in history will receive five dollars from the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Two dollars and fifty cents will be awarded to the boy and girl showing the greatest improvement in general school work during the year.

We, the members of the graduating class and faculty of 1957, wish to express our sincere thanks to all the organizations and people responsible for these various prizes.



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Cecelia Bennett	Fannie N. Sweeney
Genevieve R. Delaney	Stanley Zebrowski
J. Myers	Grace C. Gardner
Hattie P. Dunn	Rita M. Evans
Dorothy C. Malley	Esther S. Bania
M. C. Lentile	Sophie Ann Mack
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